

"I am a patient of a naturopathic physician. I believe in and like the naturopathic medical approach and would like my ND, and other NDs, to have medication prescriptive authority consistent with their current training.

I have been plagued with High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, & High Triglycerides for years, trying to keep things under control with prescription medication. It wasn't until I saw a ND that I learned much of my problems were related to poor diet. With the guidance of my ND I have improved my eating habits & been able to lower my dosages of prescription medications. I feel better due to the reduced side effects of the medications, and hopefully will completely eliminate my need for these medications in the future. However I currently must go back to my MD to keep my prescriptions (lower dosages) active... a waste of both time & money.

Prescriptive authority would benefit me because I will have the best of both worlds, a natural medicine approach combined with conservative medication therapy when needed, both from my ND. I would not have to bounce back and forth between an MD and my ND. While many MDs willing to work collaboratively with NDs, many are not, so I would be able to avoid that issue. NDs are comprehensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and other states have had prescriptive authority for years so why not here?

In the end, I would be better served as I would have the ability to receive many more primary care services from my ND which I would very much appreciate as it saves me time, money, hassle and it is more efficient.

Once again, I ask you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians (NDs). Thank you."

Best Regards,

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